



# JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE

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Sen. Jim Hargrove  
P.O. Box 40424  
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**Re: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Support for 2013 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration**

Dear Senator Hargrove:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (Tribe) writes to express support for full funding of the 2013 *Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration* (PSAR) capital budget request. The Puget Sound Partnership's budget proposal encompasses a large portion of the Tribe's Usual and Accustomed Hunting and Fishing Areas (U&A), and includes multiple projects that have the potential to greatly advance salmon recovery across the Puget Sound.

In particular, the Tribe is pleased that three of the eight projects proposed within Legislative District 24 will benefit the Dungeness Watershed, one of the Tribe's home watersheds. These are the Dungeness River Floodplain Restoration Design, the Dungeness River In-stream Flow Restoration, and the Dungeness River Large Wood Restoration. Respectively, the proposal would enable significant progress on a top priority project to restore the lower river floodplain, complement Ecology's recently adopted instream flow rule by conserving water and preserving flows in the River, and restore in-stream Dungeness habitat through strategic placement of large wood within the river and side channels.

The Tribe has worked diligently alongside partners to try to bring back North Olympic salmon stocks to sustainable levels. Faced now with four ESA-threatened salmon species in the Dungeness River watershed, we cannot afford to pass up excellent opportunities to improve instream habitat. The projects proposed for Clallam County alone stand to benefit over 850 acres of floodplain and close to 20 miles of stream improvements, out of the total 4,400 acres across all Puget Sound projects.

This PSAR proposal, in tandem with the *Coordinated Investment for Puget Sound Floodplains*, will advance the clean-up of Puget Sound area waters, reduce flood risks to citizens, and bring us closer to recovering the habitat needed to sustain salmon for all.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration proposal.

Sincerely,

W. Ron Allen  
CEO/Tribal Chair  
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Cc: Representative Kevin Van De Wege, Representative Steve Tharinger, Representative Hans Dunshee, Senator Jim Honeyford, Senator Andy Hill, Keith Phillips, Cheryl Baumann